

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

The Advisory Action mailed August 24, 2009 indicates claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 19, 20, 25 and 26 as allowed, leaving claims 1, 12 and 14 withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants' response filed on September 11, 2009 erroneously contained status identifiers for claims 20, 25 and 26 as being "Allowed". Applicants have corrected the status identifiers to be "Previously Presented". It is submitted that these corrections obviate the errors listed on the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 8, 2009, and it is requested that the Notice be withdrawn accordingly.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 12, and 19 have been amended to be consistent with claim 2. Claim 14 is cancelled. This makes all of the claims, including withdrawn claims 1 and 12 and claims dependent thereon, commensurate in scope. Accordingly, all of the presently pending claims should be rejoined and considered. MPEP 821.04.

Claim 2 is further amended to clarify that the "motif" of the peptide is applied as a feature of the peptide (ii); the functional limitation of binding to HLA antigens is applicable to any peptide within the scope of the claims.

Claims 28-29, reciting particular peptides, and claims 30-36, reciting preferred embodiments, are added.

No new matter is added to the application by any amendment.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell Reg. No. 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

A petition for extension of time of three (3) months for reply to the Final Office Action is appended hereto.

Application No. 10/529,000


Docket No.: 0020-5360PUS1

Amendment pursuant to Advisory Action mailed August 24, 2009 and
Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 8, 2009

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

By  _____

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